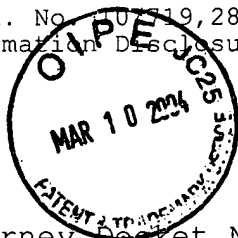


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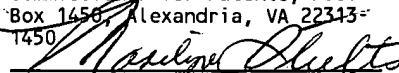
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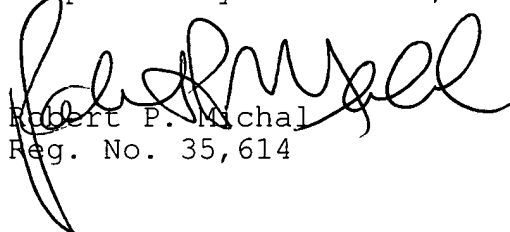
  
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# EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF WO 03/042022

In the present invention, the top face of the legs are inclined by forming the legs from cast steel, whereas the top face of the legs according to WO03/042022 A1 are inclined, the legs being formed by sheet-metal welding of a steel plate.

With the cast steel structure, the number of parts can be reduced compared with the sheet-metal structure. Also, welding spots can be reduced since there is no complicated weld line, resulting in a significant reduction in the number of processes and processing time.

Further, in the present invention, the parts such as steel plate and the like are less used, resulting in saving of materials.

As the legs being formed from cast steel, the legs having a fine grain without surface roughness in the surface configuration can be obtained, thereby quality of the appearance can be also improved.